

Remarks

Claims 1-109 were pending in the application. All the pending claims were subject to an election of species. The Examiner restricted the claims as being directed to two patentable distinct groups, Group I capturing claims 1-69 and 99-109 and Group II capturing claims 70-98.

The Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-69 and 99-109), without traverse and withdraws claims 70-98 from consideration. Claims 1-69 and 99-109 are pending after entry of this election claims 1, 55, and 99 being the independent claims.

Election

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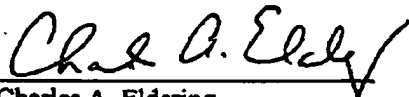
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Conclusion

The application contains generic claims that are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that an Interview would help expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to schedule such an Interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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